

Society

Women Who Add Luster to the Embassies of Washington



André Bobroff, 2nd Secretary of the Russian Embassy

FOR the first time in eight years there is a twenty-ninth day in February. Aside from the advantage of wresting a day from the carefully hoarded store of that grim old miser, Father Time, comes the blessed Leap Year privilege it gives to lovelorn maids to gently urge their bashful swains to that courage which permits the self-same damsels to loose the long withheld "Yes."

Custom has demanded that may be the wooer and woman the wooed. But custom cannot prevail over nature. When a lassie has cause to believe that a laddie is in that state of perpetual unrest, love, and that she is the object of his affections, and yet because of bashfulness or timidity he dare not tell her so, to the winds with conventionalism and custom. He must be helped across the stile, subtly if possible, for the aftermath is bitter if too open, but assisted, at all odds.

Now, when the laddie is very much in love this action is often successful, but the average masculine, mortal feels differently about it, and when she makes this move on the chessboard of Cupid she loses all chance of hearing the desired avowal.

At a recent production given in Washington, the audience was greatly amused by a portrayal of what might have been a Leap Year proposal had the scene been laid in these times. Until the moment when the unlucky woman forgot her womanhood and sued for the love of the hero, sympathy was possible, but from the first lines of her plea she became merely a foolish maiden unable to shield her unrequited love from the gaze of an onlooking world. Adonis is perfectly indifferent to the passionate pleadings of Venus, and only feels a disgust at her unwomanliness.

Teas.

Mrs. Fairbanks gave one of the most attractive teas of the season yesterday afternoon to meet her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Warren Fairbanks.

The drawing room, hallway, and music room were ablaze with spring flowers, while the dining room was fragrant with pink roses. Next to the hostess, who wore a becoming gown of white cloth, stood Mrs. Warren Fairbanks in her trailing wedding gown of shimmering white and a large corsage bouquet of violets. Mrs. Timmons also wore her wedding gown of white chiffon and lace. Assisting in the drawing room were Mrs. Cullum, Mrs. Sternberg, Mrs. Walsh, and Miss Kean. Mrs. Foraker and Mrs. Hobart presided in the tea room, and in the music room a bevy of pretty young women served punch, among them being Miss Ridgely, Miss Anderson, Miss Annabella Bagley, and Miss Warner.

The guests, who numbered several hundred, included all of the prominent young people in society, as well as the older friends of Senator and Mrs. Fairbanks.

A progressive euchre party, given by Dr. and Mrs. Marion Dorsett, at their apartments in the Magnolia on Friday evening was one of the pleasant events of the week. The rooms, attractively decorated with potted plants, were lighted with softly shaded lamps. After the game supper was served from small, daintily appointed tables.

Among the guests present were Mrs. Walter Dorsett, their house guest; Mr. and Mrs. Tait, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Omwake, Mr. and Mrs. Laughton, Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Maudlin, Dr. V. B. Jackson, and D. K. Jackson.

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Mrs. L. Leiter, mother of Lady Curzon and Daisy, Nancy, and Joseph Leiter

Washington, it would seem, has already more than its quota of interesting men and women, and yet scarcely a week or a month passes but that another is added to the number. The foreign element at the Capital always possesses an attraction not only for the stay-at-homes but for the widely traveled as well, the latter discovering in them, perhaps, an old acquaintance, the former a new object of interest.

Of the many who have come to live at the Capital none has aroused greater interest than Lady Durand, the wife of the new British ambassador. Her predecessor, Lady Herbert, being an American, came to us as an old friend, but Lady Durand comes not only as an entire stranger, but from far-away lands—the "remote corners of the earth"—she herself expresses it—having spent the greater part of her married life in India, Persia, and later in old Madrid.

Living in an embassy almost bare of furniture, and until the arrival of her own things, which were delayed in

transit, deprived of the many little comforts so dear to the feminine heart, she has contrived to make life exceedingly pleasant for the official family of the ambassador, as well as for the many friends whom she has gathered about her in her short sojourn in the city.

But for a woman who has learned to entertain successfully under even more trying circumstances the task has not been a hard one. In the presence of this hospitable and always interesting woman one forgets the echoing rooms, bare walls, and unsightly appearance of the embassy, and retains only a picture of its charming mistress.

The furniture used under the Pauncetote regime had been stored away by Lady Herbert, who substituted her own dainty belongings. Until the old furnishings have been completely renovated or renewed the embassy must present a truly dismal appearance, and until then the ambassador and his wife will give informal entertainments.

Another interesting woman in the Diplomatic Corps is Mrs. Waterlow, the attractive young wife of Sidney Waterlow, third secretary of the British embassy. Mrs. Waterlow came here a bride a little more than a year ago, and in an amazingly short time became a prominent figure in the social world. In appearance she is distinctly English, but in manner as truly American as though she had been born and reared under the Stars and Stripes. In matters of dress Mrs. Waterlow shows striking individuality. However, the style that pleases her invariably suits her style.

Mrs. Leiter, who has become famous as the mother of the beautiful Lady Curzon, the Vicereine of India; of Joseph Leiter, the prominent young capitalist; and of two other exceedingly handsome and attractive daughters, needs no introduction to Washington society, in which she has been a strong factor for so many years. Mrs. Leiter was well known in Chicago as Mary Theresa Carver, and it was in that city she met and married Mr. Leiter, who went there from Maryland a poor boy, and who

afterward became one of the most prominent financiers of the age.

Mrs. John B. Henderson, Jr., counted among the most attractive and interesting young matrons at the Capital, is winning laurels as a hostess, and her success as a matron bids fair to overshadow her triumphs as a maid. Miss Amelia Crosby, though always pretty and clever, was retiring, and seemed not to care for the gay world. Since her marriage to Mr. Henderson, which took place at Charlottesville, Va., last February, and was one of the social events of the season, she has become more prominently identified with the social world.

Andre Bobroff, second secretary of the Russian embassy, recently arrived in this country, being a bachelor, is a popular addition to the Diplomatic Corps. Being also handsome, genial, and well educated, he has become a corps from the day of his arrival. He likes America so well, indeed, that he is going to write a book on Americana.

Mrs. Edward Theill, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gately, Col. and Mrs. William Crook, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Irving, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. B. Cissell, Mr. and Mrs. Washington Quinter, Misses Clara Man- nakee, Suratt, Helen Burch, Sadie Klein- near, Rosalie and Angela Small, Hill, Brook, Hodges, Marlow, and Brown; R. G. Hilton, P. M. Brown, M. Marlow, Edward Little, J. C. Hodges, and Frank Barrett.

Mr. Claude Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Owens, of Gaithersburg, has returned home, sick, from St. John's College, Annapolis.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of C. Scott Duvall to Miss

groomsmen were Simon Dawson, of Cambridge, and Leroy Tupp, of Preston, Md. Among those present were Mrs. Alexander Webster and Miss May A. Eccles, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Crang, of East New Market. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Goslin left town for a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and points of interest in the North.

Miss Irene Swalm Daniel, well known in Washington, was married at Mount Carmel, Pa., on Monday last, to Harry Elliott Allen, leading man in one of the Bennett Moulton companies, now touring the East. Mr. Allen comes from an old aristocratic Baltimore family, and is a rising and popular young leading man.

Miss Daniel was leading lady in the company with Mr. Allen last summer. She is traveling with her husband

now, but they will soon accept a joint engagement.

The celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the wedding of the Hon. and Mrs. Walter A. Johnston, of Kensington, Md., was one of the pleasant events of the week. The home was attractively decorated with pink and white carnations, roses, and laurel. Hosts of friends came to congratulate them and presented them with a large number of souvenirs of the happy occasion. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Chamberlaine, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Townsend, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cornwell, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Buhman, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Priddy, Mr. and

Mrs. Edna Tyler, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Augustus C. Tyler, who are spending the winter in New York.

Dinners.

Senator and Mrs. Depew entertained at dinner last evening, when their guests were the Russian ambassador and Countess Cassini, Justice and Mrs. Brewer, Senator and Mrs. Lodge, Senator Warren, Capt. and Mrs. de Chabot, Mr. Wyndham, Mr. Gurney, Mr. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Mr. de Koven, Mr. May, Mr. Cresson, Miss Josephine Totten, Miss Boardman, Miss Ward, Miss Warder, Miss Anna Depew Paulding, niece of Senator Depew, of New York, who arrived at the Corcoran house yesterday, and the Senator's son, Chauncey Mitchell Depew, Jr., who is also a guest at the Corcoran house.

On Monday evening last at the Gloucester, Mrs. Devin and Dr. Rosalie Slaughter, gave an old-fashioned Virginia supper, in honor of the 172d anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The typical cherry tree, occupied the center of the table, and in spite of the rude treatment it had received so many years ago, bore a fine crop of glossy, scarlet fruit. "Chips of the old block" lay around where they had fallen under the strokes of the careless hammer, each bearing an epigram on "the gentle art of lying," and the guests, in chance numerical order, demonstrated that, unlike the illustrious hero of the occasion, they could, when necessary, spin impromptu and delightful yarns. A revival of old custom was the appearance of a group of pickaninies, as they used to be called, "to the great house" from the quarters, with characteristic plantation songs and dances.

The guests were, Secretary Shaw, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Schley, Surgeon General Wyman, Mrs. Frank Schley, Assistant Attorney General McReynolds, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Gordon, of New York, Miss Dreier, of Brooklyn; Representative Flood, Captain Lassiter, Dr. Judson Deland, Philadelphia, and Roger Foster, of New York.

Miss Bessie Leland and Levy Goslin, of Cambridge, Md., were married at 2 o'clock yesterday at the home of the bride's mother in Cambridge. The Rev. Dr. Macneil read the service. The best man was Richard Hughlett and the

Weddings.

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MISS MONTAGUE WILL CHRISTEN THE VIRGINIA

President Invited to Launching on April 5, But Declines—Damages to Plant by Fire.

Miss Matilda Montague, daughter of Governor Montague, of Virginia, will be the sponsor for the new battleship Virginia, which will be launched on April 5 at Newport News.

C. B. Orcutt, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, called on President Roosevelt yesterday and invited him to attend the launching of the Virginia. The President expressed his regret that he would be unable to attend the ceremony. Mr. Orcutt said the damage to the Newport News plant by fire Friday evening was nominal, the anglesmith shop, a frame building, is the only structure damaged. This will be speedily replaced by a brick building, and the operation of the works will proceed without delay to vessels now under construction.

TAFT DINES AT THE CAPITOL.

Secretary Taft, Colonel Edwards, of the Insular Bureau, of the War Department, and Surgeon General Walter Wyman, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, formed a distinguished party at luncheon in the public restaurant at the Senate end of the Capitol yesterday.

Messenger Boy Issues An Appeal to Mothers

Sixteen-Year-Old President of Chicago Union Points Out the Dangers to Girl Strike-Breakers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—An appeal to mothers has been issued by Dick Wilson, the sixteen-year-old president of the Messenger Boys' Union. Girls are being used to break a strike of boys in a Western Union office, and the youthful leader has attempted in his appeal to show to parents the dangers confronting girls who carry messages. "Mothers," he says in his appeal, "if you want to ruin your daughters make

WILL REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING ONE HALF

The army hospital corps men who make up the diet squad which has been at Yale University engaged in the dietetic experiments conducted by Prof. Chittenden for several months, will be relieved of that duty on April 1. As a result of the experiments Prof. Chittenden says he will be able to make suggestions which will reduce the cost of the table in the average household at least one-half.

MAY EXEMPT PROPERTY OF ADORATION SOCIETY

The District Commissioners are considering the application made by Attorney George E. Hamilton that the property of the Society of Perpetual Adoration, on V Street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets northwest, be exempted from taxation. The exemption was asked on the ground that the purposes of the society are charitable and religious.



Mrs. Sydney Waterlow, wife of attaché British Embassy

Sarah E. Fairall, both of Gaithersburg, Md. The ceremony will take place at Ashton, Md., in the Methodist Episcopal Church, on March 2. Mrs. Fairall is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Fairall, of Sandy Spring. Mr. Duvall is a well-known newspaper man.

Miss Gertrude Oden and Richard Davis, both of Germantown, Md., were married last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Young, of that place.

Concerts.

Miss Von Unschuld, the court pianist of her majesty, the Queen of Roumania, who achieved such a success at the concert of the Washington Symphony Orchestra, will give a piano recital on Thursday, March 10, in the ballroom of the New Willard. Miss Unschuld, who is considered the greatest player of Beethoven's music of her sex, will give a number of selections of the great master of music, and also from Chopin, Wagner, Schumann, and Liszt.

Miss Unschuld is under the direct patronage of Madame Hengelmüller, and also numbers among her patrons Mrs. Frederick Moulton Alger, Baroness Cassini, Mrs. Reginald De Koven, Mrs. Dietrich, Baroness de Giska, Mrs. James Harriman, Mrs. Nathan A. Hitchcock, Mrs. Stilson Hutchins, Madame Jusserand, Mrs. Francis Loomis, the Misses McCombs, Mrs. Monaghan, Baroness Moncheur, Baroness Paumgartner, Mrs. von Steir, Mrs. Siebert, Mrs. Hunt Slater, Mrs. Herbert Waterlow, and Mrs. James Waterlow.

The "Polymnia," a chorus of women's voices organized by Mrs. Herbert Waterlow three years ago, and conducted by Otto T. Simon, will give its annual concert on March 22, at the home of Mrs. Waterlow. This time the concert will be given in aid of a charitable organization, the Girls' Friendly Holiday House Fund.

The benefit performance planned by Miss Natalie Barney for the Washington and Baltimore Firemen's Fund and the Citizens' Relief Association, will be the social event of Thursday afternoon, when Walter Damrosch will give his lecture on "Russett," at Lafayette Theatre, which the manager has kindly loaned for the occasion. The patrons for the occasion are Mrs. Elkins, Mrs. Hitt, Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Herbert Waterlow, and Mrs. Boardman.

Sixty or more of the young matrons, maids, and men of the Capital are busily rehearsing Mrs. Barney's play, "Elizabeth," which will be produced at the Lafayette Theatre on April 12, or about that time. The proceeds will be divided among several worthy charities of the District.

Dances.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Howells gave a large and enjoyable dance at their home in Woodbridge, D. C., on Wednesday evening last.

An orchestra furnished the music for dancing, and while refreshments were served in the prettily decorated dining room. Among those present were the Misses Mae and Louise Waggaman, Misses Ruby and Florence Putnam, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Jessie H. Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Randall, Miss Ethel Howells, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Randall, Clifford and Thomas Smith, Mr. Rice, Mr. Fetter, Clyde W. Smith, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Weber, James Stewart and Mr. Conner.

The Octagon Pleasure Club will give a masquerade ball to celebrate the festival of "Purim," or the Feast of Esther, as it is better known. The ball will take place on Tuesday evening at Carroll Institute Hall. Six handsome prizes will be awarded to those wearing the most unique costumes. The proceeds will be devoted to the United Hebrew Charities.

The ball, for the benefit of the Home for Invalids, which will take place at the New Willard on April 5, will be among the most important social events

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Chit-Chat.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Droop, who returned from their wedding trip a week ago, will be at home to their friends at 1453 Columbia Road after April 13.

Among the prominent people who have secured boxes for the coming opera are the Austrian ambassador and Madame Hengelmüller, the Mexican ambassador and Madame De Andros, the charge d'affaires of Italy and the Countess di Cellere, the Peruvian minister and Madame Calderon, Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean, Mrs. McMullan, Mrs. Richardson Clover, Mrs. Audenried, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Reyburn, Mrs. Newberry, Mrs. Ross Perry, and James F. Hood, all of whom will entertain extensively throughout the season. There will be many dinner parties before and supper after each performance, and Washington, for a few days, will resume its old-time gaiety.

Representative and Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Porter's daughter, Miss Hegman, will leave Washington the early part of the week for their winter home on Jekyll Island, off the coast of Georgia, where they will remain throughout Lent.

Oden Horstmann and his sisters, the Misses Horstmann, sailed from Boston yesterday for a pleasant trip a week ago. They will go to Italy first, and tour the country in an automobile, but beyond their Italian visit have made no definite plans.

Mrs. Sheridan has taken possession of her new home, 2211 Massachusetts Avenue.

Mrs. Adams and Mrs. William Morrell, of Washington, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis at Rockville, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Daingerfield Luckett have returned to their home in New York after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Cooke D. Luckett, Mr. Luckett's parents at Rockville.

Miss Virgie Fowler, of Washington, is visiting Miss Mabel Haney at Rockville.



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